

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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Commodity Boards

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- a) the total number and details of Commodity Boards under the Department of Commerce along with their structure;
- b) the details of the boards wherein appointments of officers have been made; and
- c) the details of the boards wherein appointments of officers have not been made along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): There are five Commodity Boards viz., Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board which are statutory autonomous bodies under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce. Each of the Commodity Board is headed by a Chairman and consists of a specific number of members drawn from various groups of growers, producers, traders including exporters & dealers, industry, labour and consumer interests, the state governments of the region and the relevant stakeholders. Composition of the Commodity Boards is given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Appointment of officers in the Commodity Boards is an ongoing process and is made as and when vacancy arises. Present position regarding the officers appointed in various positions upto the level of Director is placed at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Statement showing Composition of the Boards

Members drawn from Groups Tea Board Coffee Board Rubber Board Spices Board Tobacco Board

Chairman 1 1 1 1 1

Members of Parliament 3 3 3 3 3

State Governments 6 6 3 3 2

Central Government N.A. N.A. 3 3 8

Manufacturers, Exporters, dealers, traders, etc. 4 4 2 10 4

Small Growers N.A. 7 7 7 6

Large Growers and owners of estates & gardens 8 3 3 N.A. N.A

Labour interests 5 4 4 1 N.A.

Others (consumers, Research Institutes, etc.) 4 5 3 4 2

Total 31 33 29 32 26

N. A. – Not Applicable

Annexure-II

Statement showing present position regarding the officers appointed in various positions of Commodity Boards under the Department of Commerce (upto the level of Director)

Board Sanctioned strength Present position Vacancy Reasons, if post vacant

Tea Board 08 03 05 Appointment of officers is an ongoing process and is made as and when vacancy arises. Additional or temporary charge is given to officers, if need arises, to discharge the functions of the vacant positions.

Coffee Board 04 03 01

Rubber Board 08 05 03

Spices Board 06 05 01

Tobacco Board 02 0 02
